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WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON CLOSES ON JANUARY 31

The hunting season for game birds is nearly over for this year. After January 31, and until next fall, it will be unlawful under the migratory-bird treaty-act regulations to hunt wild ducks and geese, coots, gallinules, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe in New Jersey, Delaware, that portion of New York known as Long Island, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. In all other States the season closed on December 31, January 7, or January 15.

The Federal law protecting birds migrating between the United States and Canada is administered by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture and provides that birds killed during the open season may be possessed for an additional period of ten days following the end of the season in the State where killed. Hunters are warned by the Biological Survey that the possession of the carcasses of wild ducks, geese, or other migratory game birds in cold-storage plants or elsewhere for a period longer than 10 days following the close of the open season will subject them to Federal prosecution.

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